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Israel and the Soviet Union

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennadiy Gerasimov downplayed reports of major changes in Soviet policy toward Israel in remarks reported by Jerusalem radio 2 April. He denied a Radio Luxembourg report that Foreign Minister Shim'on Peres will be invited to visit Moscow soon and stressed that no agreement has been reached on allowing emigrants to fly to Israel either directly from the USSR or via Romania. While confirming that a Soviet consular delegation may visit Israel soon, Gerasimov maintained that "there should be no talk about a reciprocal visit by an Israel delegation to Moscow," and he denied any connection between the consular delegation and the establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel. In a similar vein, a high-level Soviet official earlier told KUNA that the rumored "improvement" in Israeli-Soviet relations is "unfounded and aims at poisoning Arab-Soviet relations."

The report of a Soviet invitation for Peres to visit Moscow was also dismissed by Peres' office, which said it "knows nothing whatsoever" about the invitation, according to Jerusalem radio. Meanwhile, Peres and Prime Minister Yitzhaq Shamir discussed the possibility of an imminent "mass emigration" of Jews from the USSR, Jerusalem television disclosed, noting that officials in Shamir's office said the possibility "should be taken seriously."

Lebanon

Palestinian Camps — Four children and five wounded persons died of hunger and lack of medicine in Shatila camp 1 April, according to a PNSF communique cited by the clandestine Voice of the People radio. The serious situation in Shatila was highlighted by PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat during a news conference broadcast by Baghdad Voice of PLO radio. Noting the lack of food, medicine, and water in the camp, he claimed that the Amal Movement has threatened to carry out a "massacre" if it does not surrender. Shatila is "dying" and the PLO holds the Syrian regime responsible, 'Arafat added. In a related development, Algiers Voice of Palestine radio noted that 'Arafat sent a message on the siege of the camps to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. The Palestinian committee administering Shatila also appealed to Gorbachev for help, Beirut radio disclosed. A joint statement by Fatah and four other Palestinian factions called on Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad to intervene to lift the siege of Shatila and Burj al-Barajinah, Radio Monte Carlo noted.

Christian Policies — There are no contacts between the Lebanese Forces (LF) and the Syrians, and the LF will oppose whoever is supported by Syria in the Lebanese presidential election of 1988, LF commander Samir Ja'ja' stated in an interview published by London's *Al-Hawadith* 27 March. As for the possible reopening of Beirut Airport, the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon broadcast a Lebanese Front statement that warned Prime Minister Rashid Karami against taking any unilateral step without consulting all parties concerned.

PLO Affairs

During "important" talks with Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi, PLO deputy military commander Khalil al-Wazir invited the Libyan leader to attend the upcoming PNC session in Algiers, a Palestinian source disclosed in a statement reported by Algiers Voice of Palestine radio. Al-Wazir also held talks with other Palestinian faction leaders during his recent visit to Tripoli, the radio said, noting his statement that Palestinian leaders will begin "continuous working sessions and meetings" in Algiers as of 5 April.

Regarding the dispute between Yasir 'Arafat and Syrian President al-Asad, the UAE's *Al-Ittihad* cited a report that the USSR is among several countries trying to mediate, adding that Palestinian-Syrian relations will be a main topic during Al-Asad's forthcoming talks with Soviet leaders in Moscow, WAKH disclosed.

Chadian Conflict

GUNT leader Acheikh ibn Oumar stressed that the withdrawal of his forces from Faya-Largeau "was a tactical measure" taken to enable them to reorganize, JANA reported, citing GUNT's clandestine Bardai radio.

According to an AFP roundup of the situation in Chad, there are no Libyans south of the 20th parallel. Their positions are north of Zouar to the west of the Tibesti region, and at Gouro east of the Tibesti area. The agency cited French estimates that 3,665 Libyans have been killed since the fighting began. Chadian forces, however, lost their commander in chief, who was seriously wounded in the battle at Ouadi Doum. Citing "reliable sources," AFP said the new acting commander in chief was formerly second in command with Goukouni Oueddei's forces. AFP's sources reported that the arsenal siezed by Chadian forces in the fall of Ouadi Doum included SA-13 and not SA-10 missile batteries as previously reported.

DRA-Pakistan

Pakistan rejected the DRA's claim that the Afghan aircraft it shot down was a civilian airplane, Karachi radio reported, citing a Pakistani Foreign Office spokesman. The plane, which penetrated deep into Pakistani territory, was "undoubtedly" a military aircraft and was given several warnings, the spokesman maintained.

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Response Continues to Pakistan's Downing of Plane

Foreign Minister Protests to UN

LD012116 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari
1600 GMT 1 Apr 87

[Text] Comrade Abdol Wakil, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and DRA minister of foreign affairs, has sent the following message to New York addressed to UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar:

Your Excellency, as you are aware, a DRA AN-26 civilian plane carrying 40 passengers, including two children, was on a domestic flight over Chamkani District near the border on 30 March at about 1100. The plane was forced to change course after being shadowed by two F-16 fighters belonging to the Pakistani Air Force.

As admitted by the highest Pakistani authorities, this plane was attacked by air-to-air missiles fired from the Pakistani F-16's and was downed.

These provocative and irresponsible actions, which run entirely counter to the accepted international norms and principles of good-neighborliness, and which will doubtlessly further complicate and intensify the situation, are taking place at a time when the third stage of the seventh round of Geneva talks between the two countries has just ended. These actions also come as the persistent and victorious policy of national reconciliation has prepared objective grounds for attaining nationwide peace as well as a solution to the events around Afghanistan.

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that, in the opinion of the world's public, embarking on such aggressive and inhumane acts, which have no aim other than to justify the unfounded propaganda claims by the Pakistani authorities regarding so-called border violations by the DRA Air Force against Pakistan, will bear dangerous consequences on bilateral relations and disturb peace in the region.

In expressing the DRA Government's strong protest against such an impermissible and inhumane action by the Pakistani authorities, I ask Your Excellency to use your moral influence to draw the attention of the Pakistani authorities to the consequences of such irresponsible actions.

I take this opportunity to express my due respect to Your Excellency.

Pakistani Embassy Official Summoned

LD011827 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari
1600 GMT 1 Apr 87

[Text] Today at 1630 in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the first deputy head of the Political Department met the first secretary of the Pakistani Embassy in Kabul and conveyed to him the following points:

The military authorities of Pakistan in order to disguise their aggressive actions, have claimed that the DRA Air Force on 06 Hamal 1366, corresponding with 26 March 87, allegedly violated the Kurram Agency and southern Waziristan regions.

After thorough investigation it was revealed that the claims by the Pakistani authorities are all unfounded, baseless, and completely incorrect. Therefore we resolutely reject them.

It must be pointed out that these claims by the Pakistani authorities on one hand are part of broad propaganda warfare aimed at distracting the public from their aggressive action, and on the other served as a preface for their recent bandit-like aerial action. The timing for waging such vain propaganda is not accidental, and this clearly includes this objective: that the Pakistani authorities, by embarking on such action, are trying to further increase tension in the region.

Deputy Minister Briefs Envoys

LD012334 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari
1600 GMT 1 Apr 87

[Excerpt] Today the ambassadors and charge d'affairs of the friendly countries in Kabul were invited to the headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to be briefed on the circumstances of the recent downing of the passenger and transport plane of the DRA Antonov type by two U.S.-made F-16 hunter planes belonging to the Pakistan Air Force. Farid Zarif, deputy minister of foreign affairs, presented a detailed report.

By comprehensively explaining the recent gains accomplished through the policy of national reconciliation, and presenting figures on the increasing number of compatriot refugees returning to the country and opposition armed forces coming over to the side of national reconciliation, the deputy minister of foreign affairs shed light on the role of international assistance in the speedy, successful accomplishment of this humane policy in the country. [passage omitted]

BAKHTAR Comments on 'Bestial Action'

LD011656 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1130 GMT 1 Apr 87

[Text] Kabul, 1 Apr (BAKHTAR) — A BIA political commentator views the downing of a DRA AN-26 civilian aircraft on the border on 30 March by F-16 fighters of the Pakistani Air Force.

The shooting down of the AN-26 aircraft, which was carrying 40 passengers including its crew, a woman, and two children, has once again injured the hearts and souls of our people and provoked the unbound and endless indignation of our compatriots against the perpetrators of this tragedy who, contrary to all international law, have carried out a piratical attack against a DRA passenger aircraft.

The Afghan passenger aircraft, on a domestic flight from Kabul to Khowst on Monday, 30 March, was shadowed by two F-16 aircraft of the Pakistani Air Force at Afghanistan's border. It was first ordered to change course toward Pakistani territory and was then attacked by air-to-air missiles launched form two Pakistani F-16's. As a result, the aircraft was downed and 40 passengers — including a woman, a 4-year-old girl, and a student

of Shahid school in Khowst who had come to Kabul for medical treatment and was returning home — were killed.

This horrible crime, which occurred as a result of Islamabad's blatant aggression against civilian targets inside Afghan territory, contradicts all international norms and further testifies to the direct participation of the Islamabad regime in the undeclared, imperialist war against our country. This time the daring and the shameless actions of the militarist leaders of Pakistan have exceeded their normal limits directly involving them in carrying out this criminal action.

Over the 8 years since the revolution, the Islamabad regime has consistently [words indistinct] anti-state extremists for murder and subversion and has trained, financed, and equipped them on Pakistani territory for terrorist and destructive actions in the DRA. Some time ago, the extremist agents in the same mountainous region of the country shot down another DRA civilian aircraft with U.S-made Stinger missiles, put at their disposal through Pakistan. The shooting down resulted in the murder of 36 of our compatriots, including women, children, and elderly.

While the DRA is pursuing the policy of national reconciliation in Afghanistan to put an end to bloodshed and fratricide and is making sincere efforts with necessary flexibility toward the political solution of the situation around Afghanistan, the regime of Islamabad is trampling on all accepted international regulations and engaging in blind terrorism against the DRA. Serving as an example is the piratical attack on the DRA civilian passenger aircraft that resulted in the death of our compatriots.

It is no surprise that the prime minister of Pakistan, in an interview with the BBC, proudly talked about this shameless and piratical action against an Afghan civilian aircraft. Islamabad always takes inspiration from Washington in carrying out such savage anti-Afghan actions. The aim of the Pakistani authorities in engaging in such inhuman actions is obvious. They want to complicate the process of the political solution to the situation around Afghanistan and to reduce the possibility of the improvement of the political situation between the peoples of Afghanistan and Pakistan.

While expressing profound indignation and protesting this shameless and inhuman action by the Pakistani authorities, the people of Afghanistan warn that the grave consequences of such adventurist actions will rest with the Pakistani authorities. The DRA people also ask world public opinion to strongly condemn this bestial action by the Pakistani Government, which is a part of blind terrorism. The people of Afghanistan sincerely desire peace, and undoubtedly the adventurist aggressors and enemies of the people of Afghanistan will meet their punishment for their bestial actions.

Najibullah Inspects Border Force Training Post
LD020233 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari
1530 GMT 1 Apr 87

[Excerpts] This morning Comrade Najibullah, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, visited the motorized army training center and post of the border force training unit.

Comrade Najibullah was accompanied by Comrades Brigader General Mohammad Rafi', member of the Politburo of the PDPA Central Committee and minister of defense; Lieutenant General Ghulam Faruq Yaqubi, member of the Politburo of the PDPA Central Committee and minister of state security; and Lieutenant General Sayyed Mohammad Golabzoy, candidate member of the Politburo of the PDPA Central Committee and minister of internal affairs. They arrived around 1200 at the motorized army training center. [passage omitted on welcome ceremony]

Comrade Najibullah went to the post of the border force training center and inspected various sections of the border forces including the security section and the training, education, and recreation section.

Toward the end of his visit Comrade Najibullah inspected the exercise program of the border training post. He was briefed by the general head of of education and training of the Ministry of Defense.

Opposition Stages Walkout Over U.S. Agency Issue

BK020932 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0830 GMT 2 Apr 87

[Text] The Lok Sabha today witnessed noisy scenes and a walkout by almost the entire opposition over the Fairfax issue. It was raised during the zero hour by several opposition members including Mr Basudev Acharya, CPI-M, and Mr Jaipal Reddy, Janata, on the basis of a newspaper report about the government allegedly hiring the U.S. agency Fairfax to investigate assets held abroad by some Indians. Members wanted to know the fate of their adjournment and privilege motions on the subject.

Referring to the newspaper report they alleged that the government had misled the House on the Fairfax issue. The speaker, Mr Bal Ram Jakhar, disallowed the adjournment motion without assigning any reason. But about the privilege motion, he asked the members to come under Direction 115. According to this direction a member can point out a mistake in the minister's statement and seek clarification. The issue led to heated exchanges between the opposition and the ruling party members. Not satisfied with the speaker's ruling, most of the opposition members walked out. Both the home minister, Mr Buta Singh, and the minister of state for finance, Mr Brahm Dutt, said that the government is prepared to come out with full facts on the case if so directed by the chair.

Defense Minister Says 'No Compromise' on Security

BK011605 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1530 GMT 1 Apr 87

[Text] The defense minister, Mr V.P. Singh, has reiterated that there will be no compromise in matters of national security. Addressing the parliamentary consultative committee of his ministry in New Delhi, he said the defense budget is directly related to the threat perception. He said the outlay is the bare minimum. The increased allocation of over 10,000 crore rupees for defense spending will help meet the needs of modernization and reduce dependence on imports. The minister shared members' concern over the proposed supply of American arms to Pakistan and assured them that all steps will be taken to counter it.

During the discussion, members expressed concern over the country's security and emphasized the need to make it strong, secure, and self-reliant.

Minister Briefs Parliament on Space Programs

BK010949 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0830 GMT 1 Apr 87

[Text] The next Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle — ASLV — mission will take place in a year's time. This was stated by the minister of state for science and technology, Mr K.R. Narayanan, in the Lok Sabha today during question hour. He said the mission on the 24th of last month was not a total failure and will not delay the launch program. Replying to supplementaries, the minister said a number of special features with complex technologies have been flight tested. Mr Narayanan said the failure of the mission had nothing to do with gravitational anomaly at Shriharikota. He said the cost of the rocket used in the launch is estimated at 6 crore rupees and that of the accompanying satellite at 4 crore rupees.

In reply to a question, the prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, told the members that one of the objectives of the launching of the satellite is to monitor the functioning of the rocket.

To another supplementary, Mr Narayanan replied that India's space program is only for peaceful civilian purposes. He said sufficient money has been allocated for carrying out the space program. In reply to the main question, the minister said the launch vehicle capability of the country is being enhanced in a phased manner. Mr K.R. Narayanan informed the House today that the first satellite in the Indian remote sensing project series is expected to be launched from USSR in October this year. It will provide satellite based data collection system for earth resources survey. The minister said that an outlay of over 348 crore rupees has been approved for the department of space for this year.

New 20-Point Development Program To Be Launched

BK010454 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 1 Apr 87

[Text] A more broad-based 20-point program is to be launched today along with the annual plan for 1987-88. The program will bring within its ambit a number of major areas of social concern, like provision of clean drinking water, health facilities, and acceptance of family planning. It will strive among other things for expansion of education, equality for women, justice to scheduled castes and schedules tribes, new opportunities for youths, housing for the underprivileged, and protection of environment. Other important goals which the 20-point program endeavors to achieve relate to enhanced agricultural production and productivity, reduction in income disparities, and above all raising the quality of life. Under the program a number of income-generating schemes have been initiated. Household surveys have been undertaken to identify the people living below the poverty line in each village. Highest priority under antipoverty programs is to be given to those families with an annual income of 3,500 rupees or less. Another 6 crore people are expected to be raised above the poverty line during the seventh plan period. Under the enlarged program, focus has been placed on a responsive administration to ensure quick delivery of benefits of various development schemes to the common man. An effective monitoring of the implementation of the program is to be undertaken and the voluntary agencies are to be involved in this task.

Angolan President Arrives for 4-Day Visit

BK011245 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1230 GMT 1 Apr 87

[Text] The Angolan president, Mr Jose Eduardo Dos Santos, arrived in New Delhi today to a ceremonial welcome. He was received at the airport by the president, Giani Zail Singh, and the prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi. He took the salute and inspected an interservices guard of honor. The visiting dignitary

has no engagements today. He will call on the president and meet the vice president tomorrow. The prime minister will call on Mr Santos in the evening and hold official talks. Closer economic cooperation, Africa Fund, and the situation in South Africa are expected to come up in the talks the visiting dignitary will have in the capital with Indian leaders during his 4-day state visit.

AFP: End to Tripura, Manipur Violence Urged

BK010720 Hong Kong AFP in English 0705 GMT 1 Apr 87

[Text] New Delhi, April 1 (AFP) — Two north-eastern Indian state governments have asked guerrilla groups to give up their campaigns for secession and open dialogues for peace, reports said here Wednesday.

Chief Ministers Nripen Chakraborty of Tripura and Rishang Keishing of Manipur were quoted as saying they were ready to talk peace with the Tribal National Volunteers (TNV) and the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN). "We are prepared to initiate talks with the extremists to arrive at a final solution to the problem," Mr Chakraborty, who heads Tripura's Marxist-controlled government, said in an interview with the *Patriot* newspaper published here Wednesday.

TNV guerrillas killed 112 non-tribals in Tripura in 1986 — the bloodiest year in the eight-year insurgent campaign for a separate tribal homeland.

The pro-Beijing NSCN has been fighting since 1956 for a sovereign Naga state comprising Nagaland and three Naga-dominated districts of Manipur where it is active. NSCN leader T. Muivah belongs to Manipur's Ukhrul District.

Chief Minister Mr Keishing was quoted as urging rebels to drop their "unrealistic demands" and come to the negotiating table at a news conference in the Manipur capital Imphal. He asked the NSCN to stop "senseless killings of innocent civilians as this will lead them nowhere," the *Press Trust of India* (PTI) said.

Mr Chakraborty echoed the appeal in the Tripura capital Agartala and warned that his government would act "firmly" if the TNV continued its "nefarious activities and senseless violence".

The appeals came in the wake of a peace accord signed by the federal government last year with the Mizoram National Front (MNF), which waged 20-year campaign for an independent state in neighbouring Mizoram before laying down arms.

The MNF now controls Mizoram's government after winning elections to the state assembly in February.

Mr Keishing said in Imphal Tuesday that NSCN guerrillas killed a Manipur villager Sunday in their first attack since January 26 when a relative of the chief minister was murdered.

The Federal Home Ministry had last week expressed concern at the continuing insurgency in the region. In its annual report, the ministry said the NSCN was actively trying to forge a revolutionary front comprising various insurgent groups to launch a united fight against the government.

2 Sikh Leaders Said Kidnapped by 'Terrorists'

BK011603 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 1 Apr 87

[Text] An official spokesman said in Chandigarh today that the secretary of the SGPC [Shiromani Gurdwara Prabanadhak Comittee, Sikh Temples Management Committee], Mr Avinashi Singh, and the medical superintendent of Guru Ramdas Hospital, Mr Baldev Singh Brar, are suspected to have been kidnapped by terrorists from Amritsar last evening. He said the security forces have been alerted and concerted efforts are being made to trace them.

Bomb Explodes Near Faizabad; Situation Peaceful

BK010332 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 1 Apr 87

[Text] In Uttar Pradesh, a bomb exploded in Akbarpur town near Faizabad yesterday. No one was hurt in the blast. Authorities say that the situation in Faizabad continues to be peaceful.

Zia, Junejo Greet Iranian Leaders on National Day

BK010352 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
0200 GMT 1 Apr 87

[Text] President Mohammad Ziaul Haq and Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo have congratulated Iranian leaders on Iran's Republic Day today.

In his message to President Hojjat ol-Eslam Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, the president has expressed confidence that the mutual cooperation and interaction between the two countries will be further strengthened and consolidated in the years to come.

In his message to Iranian Prime Minister Mir Hoseyn Musavi, Prime Minister Junejo expressed similar views and added that the people of Pakistan nurse feelings of profound love and goodwill for their Iranian brethren, as they are linked together by Islamic ties.

Trade Expansion With PRC Discussed in Islamabad

BK010409 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
0200 GMT 1 Apr 87

[Text] A 7-member delegation of China's largest exports corporation yesterday exchanged views in Islamabad with Dr Mahbubul Haq, federal minister for planning and development, on ways to further expand trade between China and Pakistan. The Chinese delegation confirmed that China will purchase two ships from Pakistan, even though a big shipbuilding industry exists in China. The federal minister told the delegation that the Pakistani Government will provide assistance in connection with the proposals for the establishment of joint ventures in the private sector.

National Assembly Speaker Visits Turkey

For coverage of the visit by a Pakistani parliamentary delegation led by National Assembly Speaker Hamid Nasir Chattha to Turkey, including meetings with Turkish President Kenan Evren and with Turkish Grand National Assembly Speaker Necmettin Karaduman and statements by Chattha in support of the Turkish Cypriots, see the Turkey section of the 30 March Western Europe *Daily Report* and subsequent issues.

SRI LANKA

'Terrorists' Attack Security Forces Camp in Jaffna

BK020923 Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English 0709 GMT 2 Apr 87

["OANA/Pool" item]

[Text] Colombo, April 02 (LANKA PUWATH) /-Separatists terrorists launched a mass attack on the security forces camp at Valvedditurai in northern Sri Lanka today using mortars and .50 machine guns [word indistinct] explosives.

The Media Centre in Colombo told LANKA PUWATH that the camp was attacked from all directions except from the sea.

Government troops effectively repulsed the attack killing eight terrorists and blew up three lorries belonging to the terrorists which contained explosives. The terrorists also suffered heavy casualties. The dead and wounded terrorists were removed from the scene hurriedly in lorries.

Private A. Cvnaratne Manda of Weuda and Private B. Senevcratne of Kebitigollewa belonging to the Gajaba First Regiment were killed. [passage indistinct]

Weapons Recovered From 'Dawn Attack'

BK021033 Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English 1022 GMT 2 Apr 87

["OANA/Pool" item]

[Text] Colombo, April 2 (LANKA PUWATH) — The security forces have so far discovered 11 dead bodies of the terrorists who took part in the dawn attack on the Valvedditurai security forces camp: Jaffna District, northern Sri Lanka, the Media Centre in Colombo told LANKA PUWATH.

One dead terrorist has been identified as Xavier. Many more are believed to be dead in the explosions of the terrorist's lorries.

A heavy machine gun known as "Minimi" said to be the most powerful machine gun available so far was recovered [word indistinct] terrorists with 300 rounds of LIZ [as received] ammunition.

Many more hand grenades and other explosives have also been captured.

'Sources' Say LTTE Deputy Leader Seriously Wounded

BK020915 Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English 0839 GMT 2 Apr 87

["OANA/Pool" item]

[Text] Colombo, April 02 (LANKA PUWATH) — Sathasivam Krishankumar, alias Kittu, deputy leader of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) was seriously wounded when attacked by a rival group of terrorists last Monday, official sources told LANKA PUWATH.

The sources said that either the EPRLF [Eelam People's Revolutionary Lideration Front] or TELO [Tamil Eelam Liberation Organization] had ambushed Kittu who was travelling with his body guards in a car near Kottandy, Jaffna on Monday.

Two of the body guards were reported killed and several injured.

The attackers had lobbed a grenade and reportedly opened fire on the LTTE Jaffna area leader and cousin and chief lieutenant of Tiger leader Prabhakaran. Kittu was also reported to have received gunshot injuries.

The LTTE is facing growing opposition in both northern and eastern Sri Lanka.

Vellupillai Prabhakaran, himself in fear of his life had been operating from behind the scenes in Jaffna and the operations had been hitherto led by Kittu.

The official sources said unconfirmed reports from Jaffna state that Kittu had succumbed to his injuries.

Meanwhile, the Media Centre in Colombo told LANKA PUWATH that gangs of LTTE terrorists are stopping all vehicles and searching them and are also searching houses in the town of Jaffna. They are in search of the rival groups TELO and EPRLF one or both of which are said to have seriously wounded Prabhakaran's second-in-command Kittu and killed two of Kittu's body guards in a grenade attack.

Both Kittu's legs are said to be amputated whilst unconfirmed reports state that Kittu has died.

'Unconfirmed Reports' Say Kittu Dead

BK020452 Hong Kong AFP in English 0419 GMT 2 Apr 87

[Excerpt] Colombo, April 2 (AFP) — A leader of the strongest Tamil separatist group has died after a grenade attack by a rival organisation, unconfirmed reports reaching here from Jaffna said Thursday.

Sathasivam Krishnakumar, known as Kittu, commander of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in the northern capital, died in a boat while being ferried to southern India for urgent medical treatment, reports from Jaffna residents said.

However, official sources here could not confirm the reports. These sources said that Kittu was seriously wounded when a grenade was thrown at a car in which he was travelling. Two of his bodyguards died, the sources said.

National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali told *Agence France-Presse* Thursday that reports from several sources in the north indicated that the LTTE's Jaffna commander had been seriously wounded in the grenade attack on Monday.

Some Jaffna reports said that the LTTE leader Velupillai Prabhakaran had accompanied his wounded lieutenant on the boat across the Palk Strait separating Sri Lanka from India but that the boat turned back when the Jaffna commander died.

Another report, however, said that the wounded leader had been taken to India after at least one of his legs was amputated at a private nursing home in the north shortly after the ambush.

Radio communications between the LTTE headquarters in Madras and the main LTTE base in Jaffna, intercepted by security agencies also indicated that a "serious incident" had occurred and that it was "bad news" for the LTTE, sources said.

Other sources said that the ambush was carried out by the Eelam Peoples Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF), one of the rival separatist groups which has been locked in factional fighting with the LTTE in the past several months.

The EPRLF and LTTE have clashed several times particularly in the Eastern Province as the LTTE sought to establish its dominance in the separatist movement by elimina.ing rivals, sources said.

At least 100 LTTE and EPRLF members are said to have died in the fighting in the past three months, these sources said. [passage omitted]

LTTE Reported 'Breaking Up' Due to Corruption
BK020905 Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English 0829 GMT 2 Apr 87

["OANA/Pool" item]

[Text] Colombo, April 2 (LANKA PUWATH) — The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) gang of terrorists is breaking up due to large scale corruption amongst its members and growing internecine rivalry, a terrorist leader has disclosed in Madras, according to reports published in Indian journal and monitored by LANKA PUWATH.

The reports appearing in the *Tamil Nesan*, *Tamil Osai* and *Malaysia* quote C. Sundanvn a leader of the EROS gang of terrorists in Madras as stating that he was trying to restore unity and co-operation among the LTTE ranks which are riven with rivalry, infighting and internal dissension.

The EROS terrorist leader has admitted that Sri Lankan security forces were far superior to the terrorists in combat.

He has said that the LTTE had forsaken their original motives and were now more interested in extorting taxes and engaging in dispute for monetary gain in areas where they have influence.

Envoy to Tunisia Returns, Comments on 'Accusations'

NC020535 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 2 Apr 87

[Text] The members of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Tunisia, who left that country after the Tunisian regime severed its ties with Iran, arrived in Tehran last night.

Commenting on the Tunisian regime's action, the charge d'affaires of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Tunis stated: All the Tunisian regime's accusations against the Iranian Embassy are outright lies. That regime has not tendered any documents to prove its allegations.

He said this action stemmed from the Tunisian leaders' fear of the growth of the Tunisian people's Islamic movement, and added: The Tunisian people oppose this action by their regime. Measures of this kind cannot, of course, sever the moral ties between the Muslim Tunisian nation, Islam, and Islamic forces.

The Iranian charge d'affaires also stated that in their discussions with him the Tunisian officials did not produce any evidence proving their allegations against the Islamic Republic of Iran, but stated that they were under pressure from foreign countries and friends on this issue.

Majlis Speaker, SAIRI Chief Review Iraqi Situation

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[Text] Tehran, April 1, IRNA — Head of the Supreme Assembly of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq (SAIRI) Hojjat ol-Eslam Mohammad Baqer Hakim met with Majlis (Parliament) speaker Hojjat ol-Eslam Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani here Tuesday.

During the meeting, Hakim briefed speaker Rafsanjani on the internal situation of Iraq, including the success of the "Karbala'-5" operations in breaking the morale of the Iraqi Army.

Saddam's (Iraqi president) latest gimmick in celebrating an imaginary victory was another desperate attempt to revive the sagging morale of the Iraqi Army, Hakim remarked.

The two also reviewed the Iraqi people's cooperation conference, held in Tehran last December and its effects on the Iraqi Muslims. The role of Iraqi mojahedin in the "Karbala'-5" operations and the necessity of their further mobilization was also stressed.

SAIRI's campaign in the field of human rights at international forums, its portrayal of the just demands of the Iraqi people and the Iraqi Ba'thist regime's repeated violation of human rights were among other topics discussed.

Speaker Rafsanjani, who is also Imam Khomeyni's representative to the Supreme Defence Council (SDC), called for further expansion of SAIRI's activities and expressed hope that the two Muslim peoples of Iran and Iraq would eventually rid the region of the evils of the Ba'thist regime in the near future.

Meanwhile, Iranian minister of economic and financial affairs Mohammad Javad Iravani and his deputy 'Ali Majedi also met the Majlis speaker here Tuesday.

Briefing Rafsanjani on the ministry's activities during the last Iranian year (ended March 20) Iravani outlined the country's economic situation in 1386 (1986-87), especially the financial, banking, tax, monetary, and exchange issues.

Opposition Group Cited on Mohtashemi Remarks

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[Text] Paris, April 1 (KUNA) — Iran's opposition Mojahedin-e Khalq organization Wednesday denied that 25 of its elements were killed in the Ilam Province while trying to infiltrate into Iran.

Iranian Interior Minister 'Ali Akbar Mohtashemi said yesterday that 25 members of the Mojahedin organization were killed in Ilam Province while trying to enter Iran from Iraqi territory "and the rest of the insurgents were forced to flee."

The Mojahedin-e Khalq statement described Mohtashemi's claims as "blatant lies in the face of the rising resistance of the Iranian people."

The opposition group also denied that 1,000 of its fighters were arrested by Iranian authorities along the eastern borders of Iran.

However, the Mojahedin-e Khalq admitted that four of its combatants were killed during fighting against Islamic Revolutionary Guards in Ilam region last March 18. But it said that 35 Islamic Revolutionary Guards were killed in the fighting and two senior officers were captured in the fighting.

Earlier today, the organization announced that its elements clashed with a Revolutionary Guards unit in the city of Arak in central Iran.

A statement by the opposition group distributed here said that the bodyguard of spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeyni's representative in Arak was among those who were killed in the clashes.

It added that Mojahedin-e Khalq elements in Esfahan killed a senior member of Islamic Revolutionary Guards who it described as an expert on missiles.

The expert Sadeghi was trained in a foreign country for some time on launching missiles and had played an important role in commanding troops in the Gulf war, the statement said.

Meanwhile, the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization today announced that it will call for a press conference Thursday on the involvement of Iranian officials in terrorist activities in Europe.

Embassy Denies Mediating Turk's Release From Kurds
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[Text] Ankara, 1 Apr, IRNA — Iranian Embassy here categorically denied a claim by a Turkish daily Tuesday, that Iran mediated for the release of a Turkish engineer, Atila Chalik Al [name as received] kidnapped in northern Iraq in mid-February, by Kurdish fighters.

The Turkish daily *Milliyet* published a report Tuesday, alleging that the Iranian ambassador to Ankara, Manushehr Mottaki, said that the Islamic Republic of Iran had played a key role in the release of the Turkish engineer.

The Iranian Embassy in its statement refuting the reports, said that Iran has always advised dissident Iraqi Kurdish groups, who along with Iranian Muslim combatants are fighting the Iraqi Ba'thist regime, not to entangle Turkey.